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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF OSAMA AL BAZ

1. OSAMA AL BAZ, CHEF DE CABINET ON FONMIN FAHMY, ARRIVED WASHINGTON DECEMBER 14 AND BEGAN MEDICAL CHECK-UP AT NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER BETHESDA MORNING DECEMBER 15. ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY NEA/EGY AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR GHORBAL, WHO REPORTS THAT AL BAZ IS ANXIOUS BECAUSE OF SUDDEN RISE IN CHOLESTEROL COUNT, A SPECIAL CAUSE FOR WORRY BECAUSE OF HISTORY OF CARDIAC PROBLEMS IN AL BAZ FAMILY.
2. AL BAZ BEING HANDLED AS OUT-PATIENT. GHORBAL INDICATES AL BAZ PLANNING TO BE HERE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK, DEPENDING ON MEDICAL ADVICE WHEN TESTS ARE COMPLETED. NEA WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH AL BAZ AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL BEFORE HE RETURNS TO CAIRO. WILL APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH A MEETING. KISSINGER

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